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Sandbags Made Available to Windward Oahu Residents

Council Chair Donovan Dela Cruz and Senator Clayton Hee coordinate efforts with community leaders and organizations to help Windward residents prepare for more rain

HONOLULU, HI – Honolulu City Council Chair Donovan M. Dela Cruz and Senator Clayton Hee have coordinated efforts with several companies to provide materials for sandbags so that Windward Oahu residents may prepare for rain anticipated to hit Oahu within the next few days.

Iron Workers' Union, Intl. Local 625, Pacific Aggregate, Ameron Hawaii, and Hawaiian Cement have donated aggregate, Pacific Trucking has offered hauling support for the aggregate, and Grace Pacific Corporation and City Mill have donated sandbags to the Windward Oahu community. The following two locations have been established as sites for residents to pick up sandbags — Kualoa Ranch; and Ohana Family of the Living God Church, located at 54-058 Hauula Homestead Road. Windward residents in need of sandbags may visit the two locations on Thursday, between 2 and 6:30 p.m., and Friday, between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

"While visiting the affected communities last week we witnessed the damage that the flooding had on several homes," said Council Chair Dela Cruz.

"We're looking at long-term solutions to the problem, but right now we need to help residents prepare for the possibility of another round of wet weather," said Senator Clayton Hee.

Council Chair Dela Cruz and Senator Hee also thanked the organizations involved in this effort for their generosity, adding that this helps better prepare the community for the anticipated showers.

Honolulu City Council Chair Donovan M. Dela Cruz represents Council District 2, which includes Mililani Mauka, Wahiawa, Whitmore Village, Mokuleia, Waialua, Haleiwa, Waimea, Pupukea, Sunset Beach, Kahuku, Laie, Hauula, Punaluu, Kahana, Kaaawa, Kualoa, Waiahole, Kahaluu, Ahuimanu, and a portion of Heeia.

Senator Clayton Hee represents the 23rd Senatorial District (Kahuku – Kaneohe). He serves as the Senate's Majority Floor Leader and is the Chair of the Senate Committee on Higher Education.

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MEDIA ADVISORY

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WHAT:

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WHO:

Council Chair Donovan M. Dela Cruz

Senator Clayton Hee

WHEN &: WHERE

Kualoa Ranch and Ohana Family of the Living God Church

(54-058 Hauula Homestead Road)

Thursday, 2 - 6:30 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

DETAILS:

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[Council Chair Dela Cruz and Senator Hee will be at Kualoa Ranch at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 9]

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